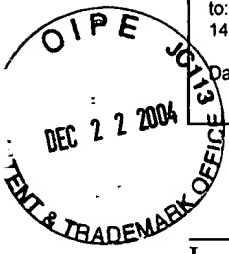


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated September 22, 2004, for which a response is due on December 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.